

The Mysterious Death of Minnie Ross.

GERMANY BLOCKS THE WAY TO PEACE

Kaiser Opposed to Compulsory Arbitration in Any Form.

HE SEEKS SCAPEGOATS.

Wants Italy and Austria to
Help Him Bear the
Odium.

WASHINGTON, June 18.—A dispatch received to-day from F. W. Holls, secretary of the American delegation to The Hague, who is in Berlin, makes pertinent and important this question:

isolation as against the principle of arbitration at the close of the conference, or will her persistent opposition and diplomatic craft induce Austria and Italy to relieve her of these positions, she will

This question was framed for the Journal by a State Department official, who added:

The State Department officials will not discuss the Holls dispatch in definite terms, but enough has been gathered to present a new, important and interesting phase of

Against Any Compulsion.
The State Department received on Friday, June 9, an official brief of Dr. Zorn's speech at The Hague, in which he revealed

tribunal of arbitration. Since then the department has been advised from the same official sources that Germany is opposed to any kind of compulsory arbitration.

"The State Department has reason to believe that the Kaiser has not modified

"The next question of moment, and one which can be determined only by diplomatic skill and intelligence, is whether Germany

will stand alone when the conference rises, or whether certain allies will at that time declare themselves in her favor, and thus neutralize the effect of an agreement, say by France, Russia, England and the United

Italy and Austria Already Sounded
 "There is good reason to believe that Germany would not have risked the possibility of isolation at the close of the conference.

There is also good reason to believe that she has already sounded the Austrian and Italian delegates on their attitude on a test vote on permanent arbitration, or any phase of arbitration against which Ger-

"It is known that Italy and Austria are in favor of arbitration, but they are the obvious friends to which Germany would apply, as the other members of the triple alliance, to relieve her of the odium of standing against all other civilized nations on the great principle of arbitration.

German delegates on Stengel and Dr. Zorn, first, to obtain if possible the consent of the Kaiser to such a measure of arbitration as will save the conference from futile labor; and, secondly, to determine there, not necessarily from German diplomatic authorities, whether Germany is really standing alone, or whether she can count on Austria and Italy in the future.

The mission of Mr. Holls involves the most important matter connected with the conference to date. He was selected not because of his ability as a diplomat, although he is skilful enough, but because

of his thorough and peculiar knowledge of a German of the men and the difficult conditions with whom and which he will be confronted.

DUKE ALFRED MAY

ABDICATE HIS THRONE
The Ruler of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha
Expected to Take That Action
in a Short Time.

London, June 19.—The Berlin correspondent of the Daily Mail says: "In the course of a secret session of the Diet of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha yesterday (Saturday), the Minister of State, Council

lor C. F. von Streng, made a confidential communication containing the sensational announcement that Duke Alfred of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha, the reigning Duke, would probably abdicate this year."

The reigning Duke of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha, Prince Alfred of Edinburgh, who married the Grand Duchess Marie, daughter of Emperor Alexander II. of Russia.

His only son died last February. The English Duke of Connaught is now the heir apparent.

AMERICAN GIRL'S
COUNT IN TROUBLE

Husband of Miss Wheeler, of Philade-
phia, Accused of Obtaining Money
Under False Pretenses.

Munich, June 18.—Count Maximilian Albrecht Pappenheim, husband of former Miss Wheeler, of Philadelphia, is being prosecuted by the Innsbruck courts for

The details of the suit are being strenuously suppressed by the authorities.

Wheeler was not recognized by the nobility.

THE CZARINA BUYS

A DARMSTADT CASTLE
Homesickness Demands Occasional
Residence in Her Native

Land.

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Berlin, June 18.—The Czarina of Russia has purchased an old castle near Frankfurt-on-the-Main known as the Darmstadtterhof. According to a dispatch from S

Petersburg the imperial family has decided to pass the Autumn and early Winter in this castle and in Darmstadt.

Numerous and interesting historical miscellanies are attached to the Darmstadt hof, which was built by the final ancestor of the Czarina, Louis VIII. of Hesse. It was

the residence of the royal house during the last century.